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Shortly after leaving the governorship of Montana, Republican Governor Marc Racicot joined the Board of Directors of Siebel Systems, which, according to a knowledgeable source who spoke to WMR, was "the fastest growing applications software company in the United States until the eight quarters immediately preceding 9/11 when its revenues began to fall because of customer resistance to its Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software for the sales forces of large companies."

Immediately after the 9/11 attacks, Thomas Siebel, the founder and CEO of Siebel Systems, unveiled a new derivative of the CRM product for "case management applications in the war on terrorism." Siebel saw the opportunity to cash in on the Bush-Cheney "war on terrorism." In 2002, George W. Bush appointed Racicot, who had been a favorite to become Attorney General in 2001 but was edged out by John Ashcroft, as the chairman of the Republican National Committee. Racicot served on the board of Siebel at the time of his appointment. Racicot, formerly a partner with the law firm Bracewell & Giuliani where Bush's last Attorney General Michael Mukasey's son, Marc Mukasey, is also a partner, was considered one of Bush's closest friends and political advisers. While with Bracewell and Giuliani (Bracewell and Patterson at the time), one of Racicot's major clients was Enron.

WMR has learned from our source who has extensive contacts inside the Department of Justice that Racicot "sent product brochures to Tom Ridge in the Bush White House endorsing Siebel's CRM software for Homeland Security. Oracle bought Siebel in the fall of 2006 for almost \$6 million after Oracle reportedly hired John Ashcroft to help it navigate around possible anti-trust objections."

Siebel also was busy politicking for his firm. After 9/11, Siebel reportedly set up the second largest Political Action Committee, after UPS, and went after the new homeland security/war on terrorism markets. But Siebel got a jump on gaining favors with the Republican Party. According to Opensecrets.org, Siebel gave the National Republican Congressional Committee \$500,000 in 2000 alone. Another Republican recipient was Conrad Burns, the former Republican Senator from Montana, Racicot's home state. The state's other senator, Max Baucus, a Democrat, received \$5600 from Siebel. Another Montana recipient of Siebel's campaign financing largesse was Representative Denny Rehberg.

In June 2006, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) won a contract to install Siebel's software in the 94 U.S. Attorney's Offices and six legal divisions at Department of Justice headquarters, replacing the LIONS case management software in the 94 U.S. Attorneys Offices. [According to a Justice Department Privacy Impact Statement](#), LIONS is part of the Case Management Enterprise System maintained by the Justice Department's Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys.

[The official website for the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys states that LIONS is another name for PROMIS](#) (Prosecutor's Management Information System) that was the subject of a lengthy investigation by Congress and a number of investigative journalists and involved some of the major scandals of the Ronald Reagan-George H. W. Bush administrations.

Michael Battle was the Director of the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) until he resigned amid the U.S.

Attorneys firings scandal in March 2007. In December 2006, Battle oversaw the firings of seven U.S. Attorneys. Although the House Judiciary Committee subpoenaed e-mails from the Justice Department, it was never interested in subpoenaing the audit trails kept by the EOUSA's case management systems that would have shown who accessed what information, from where the access took place, and when the access occurred.

Prosecutor's Management Information System

Department of Justice/Executive Office for United States Attorneys

TITLE: Prosecutor's Management Information System

ACRONYM: PROMIS (now LIONS)

ORIGINATOR:

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Major Organization Subdivision: United States Attorneys Offices

Minor Organization Subdivision: Executive Office for United States Attorneys

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ABSTRACT: The LIONS system is a database with on-line capabilities which permits the USAOs and EOUSA to compile, maintain and track information relating to defendants, crimes, criminal charges, court events, and witnesses.

PURPOSE: LIONS was established and is maintained to track cases and matters which are presented to and/or pursued by the USAOs. LIONS serves as a day to day management tool as well as a litigation aid and a review tool. By allowing the USAOs and EOUSA to summarize and analyze the cases pending and completed the USAOs and EOUSA can more efficiently promote the interests of the United States government.

ACCESS CONSTRAINTS: The magnetic tapes and discs which LIONS information is stored on are maintained in a secure vault at the Metropolitan Police Department Computer Center. In addition to the physical security safeguards, there is a twenty four hour patrol. The data display terminals are located in offices staffed by personnel during working hours. Access to the LIONS system is provided only to specific trained operators.

AGENCY PROGRAM: The USAOs are charged with the enforcement of United States law both civil and criminal in conjunction with the Department of Justice. EOUSA serves as a liaison between the 93 USAOs and the Department of Justice. Compilation and maintenance of summaries and statistical information is a valuable tool in pursuing the law enforcement goals of the United States government.

SOURCES OF DATA: The bulk of the information maintained in the LIONS system is obtained during the case intake and screening stage. Additional information is provided as the matter moves through subsequent proceedings.

The case management project is years behind schedule and over budget, according to a report this year by the Justice Department's Inspector General. The contract is known as the LCMS (Litigation Case Management System) Project. Recently, the House Appropriations Committee deleted approximately \$42 million in appropriations for the current year of the project because of the over-runs and delays.

This year, CSC reportedly won contracts to install Siebel's CRM software as case management software at the National Security Agency (NSA) and Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). The use of what could be termed "Son of PROMIS" by two intelligence agencies has raised eyebrows over what exchange of raw intelligence, including wiretap information under the NSA's STELLAR WIND

warrantless electronic surveillance program and "sneak and peek" evidence gathered by DIA black bag operations, is being shared between the NSA and DIA and U.S. Attorney's Offices around the country. The revelations about such an operation could explain the revelations of wiretap information against Illinois's former Governor Rod Blagojevich even before a grand jury indicted the governor.

The combination of databases and case management systems between Justice and NSA also raises significant issues regarding the investigations carried out against New York Governor Eliot Spitzer, Alabama's former Governor Don Siegelman, and Democratic office holders in Georgia, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and Wisconsin. U.S. Attorneys were fired for political reasons in New Mexico, Maryland, Northern California, Western Washington, Arizona, Southern California, Western Michigan, Nevada, Western Missouri, Eastern Arkansas, and southern West Virginia.

In January 2006, Lockheed Martin won a \$425 million contract for the FBI's Project SENTINEL, which replaces the Automated Case Support (ACS) case management software with Siebel's CRM software. SENTINEL reaches into various legacy databases within the FBI, and possibly other databases outside the bureau, to give FBI investigators a total view of information about cases.

A Justice Department's Inspector General report in December 2008 stating that SENTINEL was over-budget and over-schedule. The FBI reportedly created ACS in 1996 by disguising its PROMIS-derivative FOIMS (Field Office Management Information System) case management software to obstruct a Senate-ordered hearing that year in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims court into whether the United States owes INSLAW, Inc., the developer of PROMIS, compensation for the government's use of the case management software program. FOIMS used an IBM mainframe system for the use of FBI field offices to manage cases.

WMR has learned that the Siebel CRM replacement of PROMIS is rife with questionable decisions and potential scandal. Considering the political misuse of the Justice Department in several dubious prosecutions, there are now questions being raised as to how much information was shared and what computerized audit records may exist to prove criminal conspiracy in the prosecutions.

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